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In move to head off uprising against Arbenz administration, Guatemalan police yesterday arrested retired Major Enrique Oliva and today searched house of municipal councilor Miguel Camacho. Camacho reportedly not captured, but press cited "extra official" sources in reporting about 15 persons under arrest.

Colonel Carlos E. Diaz, Chief of Armed Forces, issued statement today that he had no information regarding alleged plot and all was normal in army.

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NOTE: Mr. Russell (ARA) notified, 1/23/54, 1:15 a.m., E.H.

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